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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 being independent. No claims have been added, amended, or canceled herein. To further the prosecution of this application, each rejection set forth in the Office Action has been carefully considered and is addressed below.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as purportedly being anticipated by Margolus et al. (U.S. Published Application Publication No. 2004/0167898 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.